

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2502 - SB 2928

February 15, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to develop and implement a system of fees to be assessed for the division's provision of fire protection on privately owned forestlands. Such fee system for division of forestry's provision of fire protection on privately owned forestlands is to be assessed against respective private owners of forestland.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- an increase in state revenues from money received from private landowners of forestland. The amount of such revenues cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000. For information purposes, fiscal year 2001 state appropriations for forest fire suppression was approximately \$11.2 million.
- a not significant increase in state expenditures for administrative costs to the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement a fee schedule

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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